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SUBJECT: EC FAILS TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH INDIA TO RESTRAIN
HANDLOOM IMPORTS

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1. THE EC SENT A DELEGATION TO NEW DELHI JANUARY 27 -
FEBRUARY 2 TO ASK INDIA TO RESTRICT SHIPMENTS OF HANDLOOM PRODUCTS
TO THE COMMUNITY. EC OFFICIALS TELL US THAT THE GOI REFUSED,
LARGELY BECAUSE THEY ARE UNWILLING TO ANTAGONIZE INDIAN TEXTILE
INTERESTS IN ADVANCE OF THE ELECTION THERE. THESE OFFICIALS
REPORT THAT IN THE FIRST NINE MONTHS OF 1976 25 MILLION UNITS
OF INDIAN HANDLOOM SHIRTS, TOWELS, DRESSES AND SKIRTS ENTERED
INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM MARKET ALONE. OVERALL AN ESTIMATED
50 MILLION UNITS WERE IMPORTED INTO THE EC LAST YEAR.

2. THE EC IS IN AN AWKWARD POSITION BECAUSE
THE EC/INDIAN HAANDLOOM AGREEMENT PROVIDES FOR QUOTA FREE
IMPORTS OF THESE HANDMADE GOODS. AS WASHINGTON AWARE,
COMMISSION OFFICIALS CHARGE THAT MUCH OF GOODS WHICH
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INDIA CLASSIFIED AS HAND-LOOMED ARE MACHINE-FINISHED.

3. EC OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO EMBARGO
INDIAN HANDLOOM IMPORTS IN ORDER TO FORCE THE GOI TO
AGREE TO RESTRAIN IMPORTS. HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO LEGAL
BASIS FOR DOING SO. WHAT THEY ARE CONSIDERING DOING
IS TO ANNOUNCE A SET OF BENCH MARK IMPORT FIGURES FOR

1977, INCLUDING HANDLOOMS. THIS MIGHT SATISFY DOMESTIC PRESSURES HERE FOR A WHILE; IT WOULD HAVE NO REAL IMPACT ON INDIAN EXPORTS. THEN, AFTER INDIAN ELECTION, THEY WILL RESUME CONSULTATIONS WITH A HOPEFULLY MORE CONCILIATORY INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

4. EC OFFICIALS HAVE ALSO DISCUSSED WITH THAILAND RESTRAINTS ON ITS CLOTH AND KNITWEAR EXPORTS TO THE EC. SO FAR, NO AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED. HINTON

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